

Flaccus Quīntum laudat

Translate the first paragraph of the passage below and answer the questions on the second paragraph without translating

Quīntus domum redit et Scintillam salūtat; Argum in hortum dūcit et Horātiam vocat. Horātia in hortum festīnat; laeta est quod Quīntus adest.

- 5 Flaccus ab agrō redit; fessus est; in casā sedet et quiēscit. mox 'Quīntus' inquit 'puer bonus est. in agrō manet et mē iuvat.' Scintilla laeta est, quod Flaccus puerum laudat. cēnam celeriter parat; ubi parāta est cēna, Horātiam et Quīntum in casam vocat. Quīntus laetus est quod cēna parāta est; in casam festīnat.

domum home; hortum garden

quod because

adest is there

ab agrō from the field

quiēscit rests; bonus good; mē me

celeriter quickly

ubi when

- 1 What does Flaccus do when he returns? [3]
- 2 Why is Scintilla glad? [2]
- 3 Why is Quintus glad? [2]
- 4 In what case is each of the following words:
 Scintillam (line 1)
 laeta (line 6)
 puerum (line 6)
 casam (line 7)?

Explain why these cases are used.

[8]

A slave sale

SLAVES AND FREEDMEN

Slavery is a terrible thing, but before we make too harsh judgements on the past, we should remember that it was not abolished in Britain until 1833 or in the USA until 1863. Up till the eighteenth century it was taken for granted.

Who were slaves? Many of them had been defeated in a war and their conquerors could have killed them. Therefore they – and their children – were supposed to feel gratitude to their conquerors, and it seemed fitting that they had no rights at all. But in fact slaves came from other sources too. Many were the victims of kidnapping or piracy; many were unwanted children who had either been left out to die by their parents when newborn and then rescued, or been sold off to slave-traders when they were older. Slavery was big business and it is said that at one of its main centers, the Greek island of Delos, 20,000 slaves were sold in a day.

What was it like to be a slave? If you had to row in the galleys or work in the mines or quarries, life was very unpleasant indeed. Literate and intelligent slaves had some chance of avoiding these fates. The best situation was to be born in a household where you might be treated up to a point as one of the family, for the Roman *familia* included the slaves and so they felt that they belonged

